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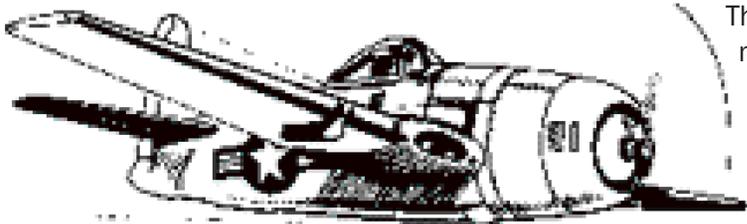
Next Meeting

May 13, 2010,

Clear Lake Park Building – 7:00 PM

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This month I will be missing the meeting do to last minute travel plans. I recently found out I won a Space Flight Awareness award. This means that I get to travel to the Cape to watch STS 132 launch. I am really honored and am about viewing the launch.

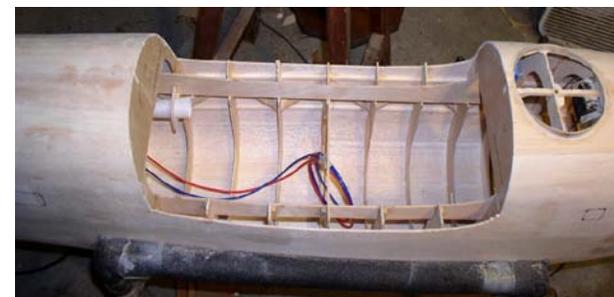
Enough of that, now for some RC stuff.

Hopefully the security list is settling down some and they are getting the correct list. Actions I have taken are, 1-Sending the list weekly, 2-have several board members cell phone as point of contact on the list, 3-send the list to all board members

The last few times I have checked they have had the latest dated list. Let any of the board members know about problems with the list. Feedback is important.

FUN STUFF

The B-24 fuselage is coming along – Slowly but surely. It seems like so many things have cropped up that I only get a few hours a week. However, progress is being made. I cut the center wing section out. Now I can get my arms all the way down the body. I have to say, large airplanes do have their advantages. The pic below shows this progress.



In The Pits

By Michael Laible, President

It's funny how the end of the month sneaks up on me every time. Actually, I gotta say thanks to Randy for reminding me. By the time you read this the fun fly and BBQ will be in the books. I hope you had a chance to drop by.

The next pic is my progress on mounting the tail section. As can be seen the tail is mount and all surfaces hinged and servo's mounted. The complete tail is removable, just like a 46" span trainer – two front dowel rods and two rear mount bolts. This was not on the plans and took some head scratching. Well it turned out great and I am happy with the construction.

A front view showing all her fire power.

Well, that's all for this month. I think things are progressing and we now have over 90 paid members. So say hi and smile at the new members at the field.

Happy May Birthday to:

- Boyce Sterling
- David Hoffman
- Mike McGraw
- Peter Evans III

Until next month - - -

See ya at the field.

Mike



Boss of the Sky

By Author Unkown – From an email
Thought everyone may enjoy this.

This came from a gent who runs a 2000 acre corn farm up around Barron, WI, not far from Oshkosh. He used to fly F-4Es and F-16s for the Guard and participated in the first Gulf War.

His story:

I went out to plant corn for a bit to finish a field before tomorrow morning and witnessed The Great Battle. A golden eagle - big, with about a six foot wingspan - flew right in front of the tractor. It was being chased by three crows that were continually dive bombing it and pecking at it. The crows do this because the eagles rob their nests when they find them.

At any rate, the eagle banked hard right in one evasive maneuver, then landed in the field about 100 feet from the tractor. This eagle stood about 3 feet tall. The crows all landed too, and took up positions around the eagle at 120 degrees apart, but kept their distance at about 20 feet from the big bird. The eagle would take a couple steps towards one of the crows and they'd hop backwards and forward to keep their distance. Then the reinforcement showed up.

I happened to spot the eagle's mate hurtling down out of the sky at what appeared to be approximately Mach 1.5. Just before impact the eagle on the ground took flight, (obviously a coordinated tactic; probably pre-briefed) and the three crows which were watching the grounded eagle, also took flight thinking they were going to get in some more pecking on the big bird.

The first crow being targeted by the diving eagle never stood a snowball's chance in hell. There was a mid-air explosion of black feathers and that crow was done. The diving eagle then banked hard left in what had to be a 9G climbing turn, using the energy

it had accumulated in the dive, and hit crow #2 less than two seconds later. Another crow dead.

The grounded eagle, which was now airborne and had an altitude advantage on the remaining crow, which was streaking eastward in full burner, made a short dive then banked hard right when the escaping crow tried to evade the hit. It didn't work - crow #3 bit the dust at about 20 feet AGL.

This aerial battle was better than any air show I've been to, including the war birds show at Oshkosh. The two eagles ripped the crows apart and ate them on the ground, and as I got closer and closer working my way across the field, I passed within 20 feet of one of them as it ate its catch. It stopped and looked at me as I went by and you could see in the look of that bird that it knew who's Boss Of The Sky. What a beautiful bird!

I loved it. Not only did they kill their enemy, they ate them. One of the best Fighter Pilot stories I've seen in a long time... There are no noble wars-- Only noble warriors.

Model of the Month



Joe Schmidt
MOM Winner.

*Joe Schmidt won Model of the Month
with his Lazy B.*

*See what your
missing!! I hope
I see you at the
next meeting.*

April Meeting Pictures

Photos by Taswall Crowson



April Meeting Minutes

By Kent Stromberg

New Business:

Get Brian on list for Heli instructor

Refreshments next meeting Dave Huffman

Fun Fly 5-8-2010

Guests need to be on entry list

Discussion of Entry list problems. Rocket club list is usually first list. Check with Rocket club how they submit their lists

Work on Signage for Flight line.

Treasurers report 6424.00 on hand.

Prop Nuts fly in and swap meet April 17th and 18th.

Polo T shirts orders need to be in to Kent Stromberg by next meeting. Email to WKStromberg@comcast.net or call 281-480-0095

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